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# ILBE TAKES ITALY TO THE OSCARS WITH *TELL IT LIKE A WOMAN*: 'APPLAUSE' NOMINATED FOR BEST ORIGINAL SONG

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- o Applause is among the five finalists competing for the 2023 Oscars for 'Best Original Song'.
- o The song was composed for the film *Tell it Like a Woman*, an all-female anthology produced by ILBE - Iervolino & Lady Bacardi Entertainment and We Do It Together
- o The song was written by Diane Warren and performed by Sofia Carson

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**Rome, January 24, 2023** - The song *Applause*, an ode to women around the world from the film *Tell it like a woman*, composed by Diane Warren and performed by Sofia Carson, has been nominated for 'Best Original Song' at the Academy Awards scheduled for 13 March.

The *Tell it like a Woman* film, for which 'Applause' has been composed, is produced by **ILBE - Iervolino & Lady Bacardi Entertainment** and **We Do It Together**, founded by Chiara Tilesi, is an **all-female anthology** that showcases women's courage and determination through seven short films by eight female directors.

"We are very proud and honoured to bring Italy to the Oscars with the song *Applause*," says **Andrea Iervolino**, CEO of ILBE - Iervolino & Lady Bacardi Entertainment. *This nomination proves that successful films of international scope can be produced in Italy and a sign that Italian cinema is experiencing a growth moment, notably with the Ministry of Culture's crucial support*".

"I would like to congratulate Diane Warren who, through this beautiful and important song, has given a voice to millions of women around the world," says **Chiara Tilesi**, director and producer of We Do It Together (WDIT). *"With Sofia Carson's unmistakable interpretation, the soundtrack aims to be a true celebration of the strength and tenacity of women"*.

From Italy to Argentina, from India to the United States via Japan, the directors of *Tell it like a woman* Maria Sole Tognazzi, Lucia Puenzo, Catherine Hardwicke, Leena Yadav, Mipo O, Taraji P. Henson, Lucia Bulgheroni and Silvia Carobbio have brought stories based on true events to the big screen - as in the case of Pepcy & Kim, a short film centred on the life of Kim Carter, a drug addict with a criminal past who struggles to free herself from her demons, or the episode 'Elbows Deep'. The short film by Catherine Hardwicke tells the story of a medical director for a Los Angeles center that provides healthcare to the homeless. On the other hand, some short films are based on the scriptwriter's imagination, as in the case of *Sharing a Ride*, written by Leena Yadav that



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tells the story of a self-described progressive woman who encounters a transsexual, an encounter which forces her to examine her unconscious prejudices.

### **Diane Warren**

Diane Warren, one of the most celebrated songwriters in modern music, has written nine number one songs on the Billboard Hot 100 and thirty-two top 10 hits and was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2001. She has received 13 Oscar nominations, won 15 Grammys, an Emmy and two Golden Globes, and her songs have been featured in over 100 films. Recently, she won a Golden Globe and received an Oscar nomination for the original song "I Si (Seen)" from the 2020 film *The Life Ahead* and received an Oscar nomination for the 2021 original song "Somehow You Do" performed by Reba McEntire for the film *Four Good Days*. Diane Warren is also the sole owner of her publishing company Realsongs, the most successful female-owned and operated company in the music industry. She received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Diane Warren is the first singer selected to receive an honorary Oscar, which will be presented at the Academy's 13th Governors Awards in November 2022.

### **Sofia Carson**

Sofia Carson is a force of nature who has forged a singular path in music, cinema, television and philanthropy. Carson is a multi-platinum, award-nominated singer and songwriter. She has achieved over 2.5 billion streams, over 8.5 billion total music consumption and reached number one on the Billboard Top 200. She recently released her self-produced album. He recently released his self-produced debut album. This year, Carson played Cassie in the Netflix global phenomenon *Purple Hearts*. She was also an executive producer, co-wrote and performed the movie's original soundtrack. *Purple Hearts* debuted at number one globally and broke several viewing records on Netflix. It is one of the 10 most watched films of all time on Netflix, with over 220 million viewing hours in its first 28 days. Following the success of *Purple Hearts*, Sofia will star alongside Taron Egerton and Jason Bateman in the Netflix and Amblin thriller *Carry On*. She has also starred in Netflix's *Feel The Beat*, Michael Bay's *Songbird*, *Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists* and the global Disney phenomenon *Descendants*. As a philanthropist, she is an ambassador for UNICEF in the United States. She is committed to using her voice to engage young people around the world to relentlessly pursue an equitable world for every child through the life-saving power of education.

### **ILBE**

**Iervolino and Lady Bacardi Entertainment S.p.A. (ILBE)** is a global production company, founded by Andrea Iervolino and Monika Bacardi and active in the production of film and television content including, mainly, movies, TV-shows, animated web series. The company also operates through its subsidiaries Arte Video, and Red Carpet, IES Serbia and Wepost. It has been listed on Euronext Growth Milan - IT0005380602 - IE since 2019 and on Euronext Growth Paris - IT0005380602 - ALIE since January 2022. In the financial year 2021, ILBE reported revenues of €152m, EBIT of €24m and a net result of €18m. [www.ilbegroup.it/com](http://www.ilbegroup.it/com)

### **We Do It Together**

We Do It Together (WDIT) is a 501(C)(3) non-profit film production company with the aim of pursuing gender equality in society through the production of media content and films created 'about women, by women, created for everyone'. We Do It Together was founded in 2015 by director and producer Chiara Tilesi and launched at the United Nations in 2016. The philosophy behind WDIT is to work together with men and women in the industry and change the way women are represented in media and film. [www.wedoittogether.org](http://www.wedoittogether.org)

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